



IMPORTANT STRAITS & CHANNELS OF THE WORLD

Parenchain Classes

STRAIT

A naturally formed, narrow, typically navigable waterway that lies between two land masses and connects two larger bodies of water.

Some straits are not navigable because they are too shallow, or because of an unnavigable reef or archipelago.



Longest strait – Strait of Malacca
Narrowest strait – Strait of Bosphorous

The Palk Strait

- Location: Between Tamil Nadu and the Jaffna District of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka.
- It connects the Bay of Bengal in the northeast with Palk Bay in the southwest.
- Rivers- the Vaigai River of Tamil Nadu.



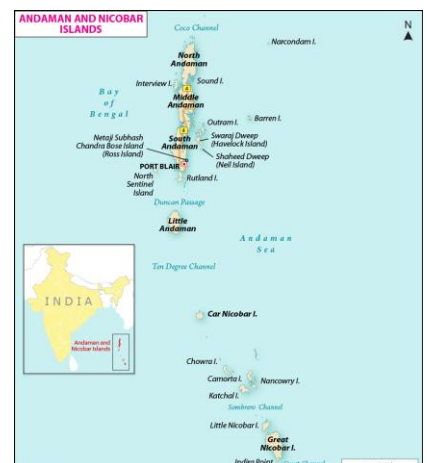
Palk Bay at its southern end has a chain of low islands and reef shoals that are collectively called Adam's Bridge, historically known in Hindu Mythology as "Ram Setu" i.e. The Bridge of Rama

This chain extends between Pamban Island (also known as Rameswaram Island) in Tamil Nadu and Mannar Island in Sri Lanka.



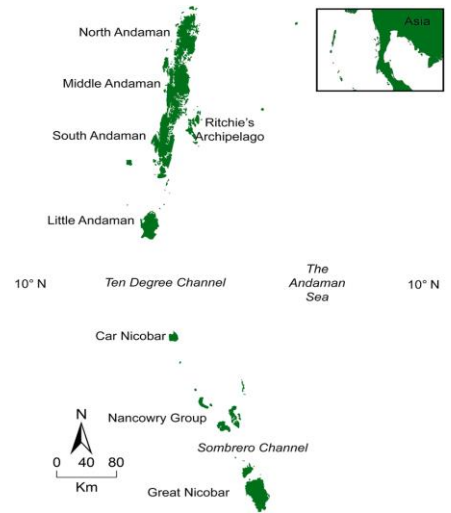
The Duncan Passage

- Strait in the Indian Ocean.
- It separates Rutland Island (part of Great Andaman) to the north, and Little Andaman to the south.
- West of Duncan Passage is the Bay of Bengal; east is the Andaman Sea.



The Ten Degree Channel

- Separates the Andaman Islands and Nicobar Islands from each other in the Bay of Bengal.
- Lies on the 10-degree line of latitude north of the equator, hence the name.



- Separates the island of Minicoy from the main Lakshadweep archipelago
- Lies in the Indian Ocean between the Laccadive Islands of Kalpeni and Suheli Par, and Maliku Atoll.
- Lies on the 9-degree line of Latitude, north of the equator.



The Nine Degree Channel



The Strait of Malacca

- Between the Malaysia and the Indonesian island of Sumatra .
- Main shipping channel between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean
- Link between the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea - shortest sea route between India and China
- One of the busiest strait in the world



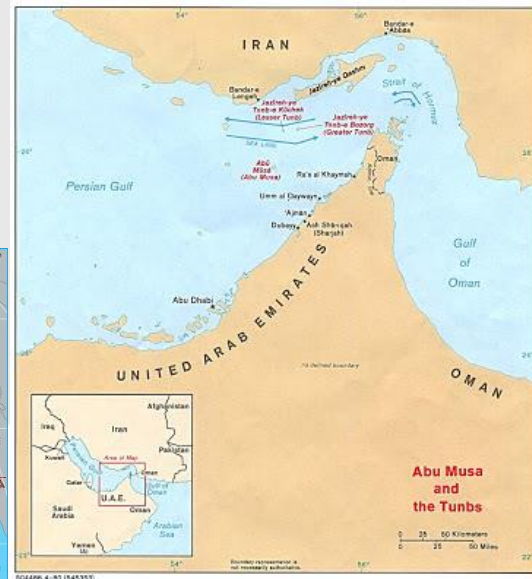
The Sunda Strait

- Between the Indonesian islands of Java and Sumatra.
- Connects the Java Sea to the Indian Ocean.

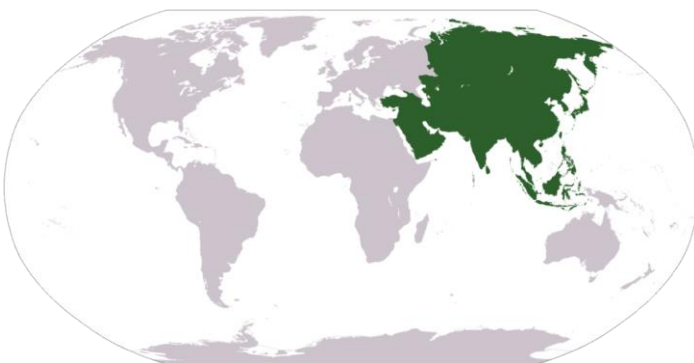


The Strait of Hormuz

- Between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman
- It provides the only sea passage from the Persian Gulf to the open ocean and is one of the world's most strategically important choke points
- On the north coast lies Iran, and on the south coast the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

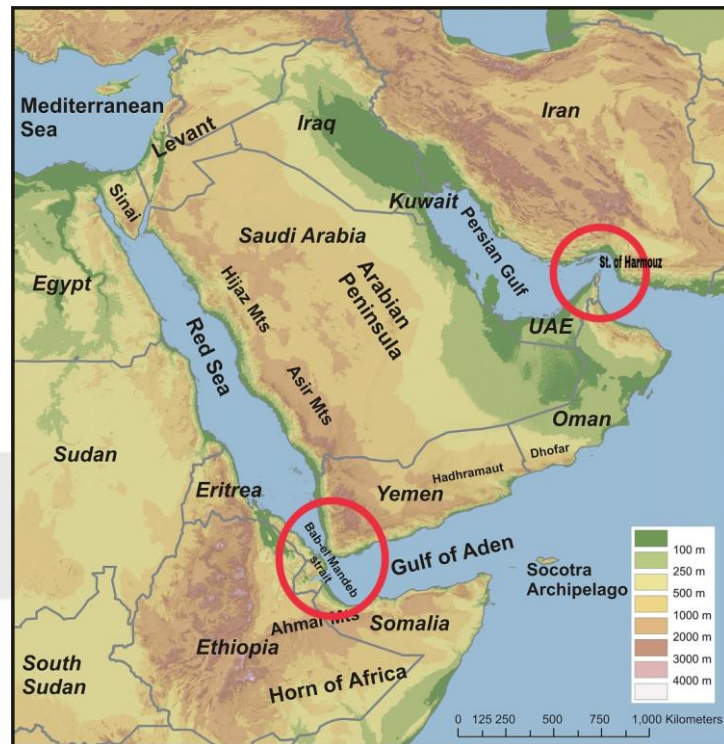


- World's biggest Oil-Chokepoint
- A third of the world's liquefied natural gas and almost 25% of total global oil consumption passes through the strait, making it a highly important strategic location for international trade.



The Bab-el-Mandeb

- The Bab-el-Mandeb, means “Gate of Grief”
- A strait between Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula, Djibouti and Eritrea, north of Somalia, in the Horn of Africa
- Connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden.
- An important link between the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, via the Red Sea and the Suez Canal of Egypt.



It is an arm of the Indian Ocean located between the Southeast African countries of Madagascar and Mozambique

The Mozambique Channel



The Bosphorus Strait

- Also known as the **Strait of Istanbul**
- Located in northwestern Turkey; The city of Istanbul - intercontinental city
- Connects Black Sea to Sea of Marmara
- Forms part of continental boundary between Europe and Asia, and divides Turkey by separating Anatolia from Thrace.



The Dardanelles

- Also known as **Strait of Gallipoli** or **Hellespont**
- Located in northwestern Turkey; forms part of continental boundary between Europe and Asia
- *Connects the Sea of Marmara with the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas*



Bosphorus Strait and **Dardanelles Strait** together known as **Turkish Straits** and separate Asian Turkey from European Turkey



The Strait of Gibraltar

- Connects Atlantic Ocean to Mediterranean Sea
- Separates Iberian Peninsula in Europe from Morocco in Africa
- On the northern side of the Strait are Spain and Gibraltar while on the southern side are Morocco and Ceuta
- Its boundaries were known in ancient times as the Pillars of Hercules.



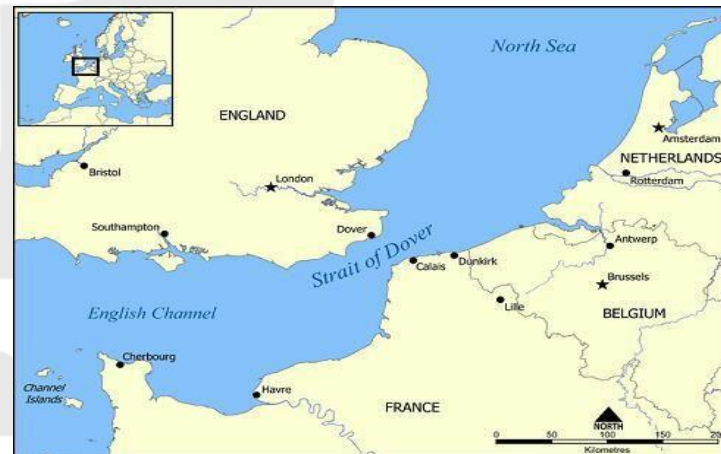
English Channel

- An arm of the Atlantic Ocean that separates Southern England from northern France
- Tapers eastward to link to the North Sea at the Strait of Dover
- One of the busiest shipping area in the world.



The Strait of Dover

- Historically known as the Dover Narrows
- Separates Great Britain from continental Europe
- This strait is at the narrowest part of the English Channel, marking the boundary between the Channel and North Sea



The North Channel

- Strait between north-eastern Northern Ireland and south-western Scotland.
- The channel connects the Irish Sea with the Atlantic Ocean



The Davis Strait

- A northern arm of the Atlantic Ocean - lies north of the Labrador Sea and south of Baffin Bay
- It lies between mid-western Greenland and Baffin Island in Canada.



The Hudson Strait

- Links the Atlantic Ocean and Labrador Sea to Hudson Bay in Canada.
- Lies between Baffin Island and Northern Quebec, Canada



The Bering Strait

- Separates Russia and the United States slightly south of the Arctic Circle at about 65° 40' N latitude.
- It borders the Chukchi Sea (part of Arctic Ocean) to the north and the Bering Sea (part of Pacific Ocean) to the south



- The Diomed Islands lie midway in the Strait*

- This national and continental boundary separates Diomed Islands in the Bering Strait, with Big Diomed in Russia and Little Diomed in the U.S.

- The International Date Line runs equidistant between the Strait's Diomed Islands.



- Separates the North and South Islands of New Zealand.

- Connects the Tasman Sea on the northwest with the South Pacific Ocean on the southeast

- Runs next to the capital city, Wellington.

- Considered one of the most dangerous and unpredictable waters in the world.

The Cook Strait





OTHER IMPORTANT STRAITS

Parcham Classes



Strait	Connects	Separates
Bass strait	Pacific Ocean (No other water body)	Tasmania from the Australian mainland
Torres Strait	Arafura Sea to Coral Sea (Pacific Ocean)	Australia from Papua New Guinea



Pacific joins Atlantic - through Drake Passage and Strait of Magellan (Chile).



Parcham Classes



Kerch Strait

connecting the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.

It separates the Kerch Peninsula of Crimea from the Taman Peninsula of Russia's Krasnodar Krai.





Florida Strait	Cuba and the USA	Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean
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Formosa Strait (Taiwan Strait)	China and Taiwan	The South China Sea and the East China Sea
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Taiwan Strait



Taiwan Strait, also known as Formosa Strait, is a 180 km wide strait separating Taiwan and mainland China

Strait is currently part of South China Sea and connects to East China Sea to north. The narrowest part is 130 km wide

Entire strait is on Asia's continental shelf



Isthmus: A narrow strip of land with sea on either side, forming a link between two larger areas of land.

The Isthmus of Panama is a narrow strip of land at the southernmost end of Central America.

It lies between the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea while linking North and South America.